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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing a Supplementary form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

We are enclosing copies of U.S. Patent No. 5,993,835 as well as copies of Foreign Patent Nos. FR 2041400, CN 1323577, JP 06072838 and PCT Publication Nos.: WO 97/00892, WO 99/49878, and WO 00/76458.

It is applicants' belief that none of the above citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of a final action and this I.D.S. is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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	5,993,835	11.30.1999	Mishima			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
	FR 2041400	29.01.1971	France				X
	CN 1323577	28.11.2001	China (abstract only)				
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	WO 00/76458	21.12.2000	PCT				

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